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Molestation allegations lead to nursing assistant's license suspension

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has immediately suspended the nursing assistant credentials of Spencer K. Woodruff of Olympia. Woodruff allegedly sexually molested two minor females while babysitting them. The charges also say that Woodruff had sexual contact with two patients at a health care center where he worked.

This action, called a summary suspension, means Woodruff (NA60065880 and NC60168644) cannot practice or be employed as a nursing assistant in Washington pending the outcome of a hearing. Woodruff is also under investigation by local law enforcement.

Woodruff has 20 days to request a hearing. The charging documents are online; click "Provider Credential Search" on the <u>agency home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). They are also available by calling 360-236-4700.

The department protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of nursing assistants. Rules, policies, and procedures developed by the secretary promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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